(c) and (d) The associations of Direct Recruit Section Officers, Direct Recruit Assistants, Gazetted Stenographers, Non-Gazetted Stenographers, Staff Car Drivers and Despatch Riders could not fulfil the eligibility criteria and were not recognized. Fresh applications for recognittion have been invited from these Associations.

Fixation of pension

5357. SHRIMATI GURCHARAN KAUR:
SHRI SURESH PACHOURI:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any representations including from various pension associations regarding wrongly fixing 1st April, 1995 as cut off date for allowing DCRG after taking into account DA thereby putting a category of Government servants to a disadvantage;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether CAT, Mumbai has upheld the case of the affected Government employees;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the reasons for non-issuance of consequential orders, so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) to (e) The issue was agitated by some pensioners before the CAT, Mumbai. The Hon'ble CAT ruled that they did not fined and nexus or rational consideration in fixing the cut off date of 1.4.1995. The Government has filed a Writ Petition against the Judgement before the High Court of Judicature, Mumbai. The Writ Petition has been admitted and the matter is *subjudice.*

Raids conducted by CBI

5358. SHRI YADLAPATI VENKAT RAO: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Central Bureau of Investigation raided and searched premises of 112 Government officials and others in the

last week of January, 2002 in a bid to unearth black money amassed by them;

(b) if so, the name of the departement/offices and the officers belonged to; and

(c) the number of cases filed in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) to (c) Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) had carried out a Speical Drive and searches at the residences of officials of various Departments as a part of a nationwide drive against corrupt public servants, economic offenders and others in the last week of February, 2002. During the drive, 36 cases had been taken up. Out of these, 23 cases were against corrupt public servants, 4 related to Economic Offences and 9 cases related to conventional crime viz. murder, kidnapping, illegal arms license racket etc.

Medium of examination to Officer Cadre Posts in Armed Forces

5359. SHRI NANA DESHMUKH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the entrance examination to officer cadre in defence services is conducted only in English;

(b) whether the army alone is short of 13000 ranks of captains and majors;

(c) whether a large number of courageous and intelligent rural youths are unable to take up officer grade because of English language;

(d) if so, the reasons for non conducting examiniations in Hindi and other regional languages even after 55 years of independence to get the best and more talented candidates from rural areas too; and

(e) by when such a scheme is likely to be adopted?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) Union Public Service Commission conduct two examinations viz. the National Defence. Academy and Naval Academy Examination